

REMARKS

Prior to this Amendment, Claims 1-14 were pending in this application. Claims 1-14 are the subject of a Restriction Requirement.

As indicated above, the Specification and Claims 1, 2, 5, and 10 have been amended. No new matter has been presented. Claims 1 and 5-14 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 2-4 are now pending, with Claim 2 as an independent claim.

Regarding the amendment to the Specification and Claims 1 and 2, wherein the range of 1-20% has been amended to 1-12%, it is noted that the prior values are due to an error in translation and that the new values reflect the values contained within the priority document. Therefore, no new matter has been added by these amendments.

The Examiner has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 to one of the following groups of claims:

- I. Claim 1, drawn to an acrylic bead,
- II. Claims 2-4, drawn to a method for preparing acrylic polymer beads, and
- III. Claims 5-14, drawn to an acrylic sol composition.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants provisionally elect, without traverse, Group II, containing Claims 2-4 for prosecution in this application.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below. An early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul J. Farrell", written over the printed name.

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